

IN THE SPECIFICATION

On page 4, line 22, please change the patent number to Queen as corrected in the paragraph below.

U.S. Patent No. ~~5,026,088~~ 3,115,143 (Queen) teaches of a guide for trimming hair whereby a user can taper or feather the cut of the hair from the neckline to the temples. This device, however, requires holding the guide in one hand and the electric clippers in the other. Such an arrangement precludes use by an individual in cutting his or her own hair and requires constant attention and the skill of a stylist or second person to cut the hair on which the device is being used. It would be virtually impossible for a user to cut the hair on the back of his or her own head in this manner, and Queen's patent by its own teaching addresses tapering and feathering of haircuts rather than just the removal of split ends. Further, it would be virtually impossible without great effort and time to cut only a substantially equal portion from the distal end of individual hair strands while leaving adjacent longer hair strands untouched with this device.

2. On page 16, line 5, please delete the extra terms "with the" as noted in the replacement paragraph below:

For the safety of the operator a grillwork 47 has been incorporated in the elongated slot 55 of the retainer cavity 50. This grillwork 47 features grill apertures 53 therein thereby allowing enough room for the distal ends of hair shafts 23 to communicate therethrough for cutting by the cutting blade 72, but not enough room to insert a finger or for longer hairs to wrongly enter the blade sideways and get unevenly cut. This provides a safety means to eliminate potential injury of the user's finger by the cutting blade 72. The grill apertures 53 formed in the grillwork 47 also provide a means for hair alignment of the distal ends 25 of the hair shafts 23 ~~with the~~ with the cutting blade 72 by providing communication through individual apertures in the grillwork 47 to prevent distal ends of hairs 25 from encountering the cutting blade 72 at angles thereby aligning the distal ends of hair shafts 23 communicating therethrough with the cutting blade 72.

3. On Page 27, line 12 please add the reference to figure 8 as shown in the replacement paragraph below.

Another feature of the additionally favored embodiment, as shown in figures 7 and 8, is the plurality of retainer cavities 50 in between two side lobes 38 and a center lobe 35 located on the cutting head assembly 12. As shown, there are two such

retainer cavities 50; however, more could be used if a progressive and multiple cut of the hairs following the serpentine path is desired. Each formed retainer cavity 50 would be mated to a projection 27 which would project from the hair retainer 109 and engage therein cooperatively. This embodiment, as shown offers a plurality of contacts between the distal ends of hairs traveling the serpentine path between the hair retainer 109 and the face of the cutting head assembly 12.